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Protected Water-Supply Scheme for Kozhikode Municipality.

* 21 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state how far the installation of the treatment plant to reduce the iron contents of the heater in connection with the Protected Water-Supply Scheme, Kozhikode Municipality, has progressed and when it is expected to be completed?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The construction of settling tank, chemical house and suction well, etc., is in good progress. Orders have been placed for the supply of the low-lift pumpsets. The installation of the treatment plant is expected to be completed by the end of December 1953, if the pumps, which are to be imported, are received in time."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know what will be the supply capacity of the plant when it is completed? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be put."

Adaptation of Japanese method of cultivation.

* 22 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government, if any, to suit the Japanese method of cultivation to the seasonal climate conditions of this State?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" At the instance of the Government, the Director of Agriculture has modified the Japanese Method of Rice cultivation to suit the local seasonal and climatic conditions in the light of experience and research conducted in this State. This modified method is outlined in a leaflet, copies of which have been printed in large numbers in the regional languages and distributed to the ryots through the propaganda staff of the Agricultural Department. It has also been published in the Departmental journals ' Mezhichelvam ', etc., and also in newspapers. Actual demonstrations have also been arranged by the Agricultral Department in selected villages."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" மாகாண அரசாங்கம் விடுத்துள்ள பிரசுரத்திற்கும் மத்திய அரசாங்கம் விடுத்துள்ள பிரசுரத்திற்கும் வித்யாசம் இருப்பது கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There may be difference between the proposals of the Central Government and the State Government but this Government have been conducting researches and, on account of the experiences they have gathered, they have issued modifications in the Japanese method of cultivation."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" மாகாண சர்க்கார் பிரசுரித்திருக்கும்படியான அந்த திட்டத்திற்கும் ஜப்பானிய முறை என்ற முறைக்கும் எவ்விதமான சம்பந்தமும் இல்லை என்பதை கனம் அமைச்சர் அறிவாரா ? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am not aware of it."

Provision of accommodation and guides for tourists visiting Gingee Fort.

* 23 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state whether sufficient accommodation and guides are provided by the State to the tourists who pay a visit to the historic forts at Gingee, South Arcot district, in order to help them to understand the historic importance of each and every structure within the Fort area?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Adequate accommodation is available for the tourists to Gingee in the two travellers' bungalows maintained by the State Highways Department. Guides have not been appointed by the Government to help the tourists. Tourists may however take advantage of the Guide Service provided by the Government of India, contacting the Regional Tourist Officer at Madras."

Permission to ply buses between Ottapalam and Karimpuzha.

* 24 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether anybody applied for permission to ply buses between Ottapalam and Karimpuzha, Malabar, in the last three years and, if so, what has been done?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The answer is in the negative."

Assignment of lands to political sufferers and others.

* 25 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the extent of lands assigned to political sufferers, ex-military personnel and the landless poor up to 30th June 1953 from 1948?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The information is not readily available with the Government."

Mismanagement of the South India Co-operative Insurance Society.

* 26 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any complaints of mismanagement of the South India Co-operative Insurance Society; and

(*b*) if so, whether any investigation was made and by whom; and with what result?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.